

The Alexandria Gazette

MONDAY EVENING, JUNE 15.

Gen. McClellan has sent a report of his operations while in command of the Army of the Potomac from Ball's Bluff to the time when he was relieved, to the War Department. It is written in much detail and will soon be furnished for publication.

The will of the late Thomas Carberry, of Washington, is contested, on the ground that the testator's mind was disordered when he made the will.

There are a hundred rumors afloat about army operations and war movements—but they are, for the most part, vague and unreliable.

Dr. Leacock, formerly of New Orleans, living with his brother in Harrisburg, Pa., has been arrested, and carried to Baltimore. He is an Episcopal minister.

The inauguration of Gov. Boreman of Western Virginia, is to take place at Wheeling next Saturday. The Legislature meets the same day.

Two Union Conventions in Maryland have been called. The Baltimore American deprecates the difficulty.

We had fine showers of rain last Saturday. The pastures and gardens wanted rain much.

The report of Gen. Sherman's death is contradicted.

Governor Curtin has issued a proclamation to the people of Pennsylvania. He recognizes the necessity of placing the State border in a condition of defence, in view of the contemplated offensive operations of the Confederate army, and calls upon the citizens to respond to the appeal of the General Government, and fill the ranks of the corps in the departments.

The Philadelphia Ledger, in an article on the Pennsylvania coal trade, remarks:—"The operators at the several mines are active, as is also the demand for coal. All the indications favor a great business for the trade this year."

General Banks had issued an important order, restraining all interference with property on the plantations under charge of the U. S. Quartermaster's Department, and compelling the return of any property which may have been taken.

The Spanish steamer *Salvor*, from Havana for Mobile, was lost forty miles out, in a storm, on the 26th ult., and only four of the crew and passengers escaped. Among the lost is Col. Sharp, of Gen. Buckner's staff. Her cargo was valued at \$500,000.

A man supposed to be insane, named Jas. H. Weed, was taken in custody at the President's house, last week, for creating a disturbance by persisting in an effort to see the President on important business, &c.

The amount of Treasury notes now in circulation is within a fraction of four hundred millions of dollars.

The U. S. Navy Department has received official advices of the capture of a sloop laden with cotton, forty-five miles above Apalachicola, Florida. Also of the capture of the prize steamer *Octavia*.

WAR NEWS.

The Washington Chronicle says:—"The situation is becoming eminently interesting.—Both Hooker's and Lee's armies are evidently on the move. The Federal sick and wounded have been withdrawn from Aquia Creek to Alexandria and Washington. They amount to between six and seven thousand, most of them being convalescents, fully able to do provost and garrison duty. The city is full of absurd and extravagant rumors; which it would be idle to repeat, since none of them have any good foundation. The troops of both sides are being massed at various points, but it is impossible even to guess the significance of their operations."

Information from the Rappahannock up to noon on Saturday says:—"A letter sent by Stuart in response to one from Pleasanton, asking for a flag of truce in order to bury the dead and provide for the wounded, says in effect, that the dead have been buried and the wounded well cared for; that the prisoners had been sent to Richmond; but no registry of their names kept in camp. He therefore declined the flag of truce for such purposes."

The Thirteenth Pennsylvania cavalry and the Eighty-seventh Pennsylvania infantry, with one section of artillery, had a skirmish with some Confederate cavalry on Friday afternoon, near Middletown, Va. Eight of the Confederates were killed, and a number wounded, and thirty-seven including a captain and two lieutenants, taken prisoners. No casualties reported on the Federal side.

The intelligence from Vicksburg through Federal sources, is no later than previously reported. Heavy firing was heard up the Yazoo on Monday last, but the cause was not ascertained. It was believed in the Federal camp that an attack on their rear was highly probable. Confederate accounts are to the 9th, a despatch stating that the firing of the Federal mortars was heard during Monday night, and was continued on Tuesday morning. The Federal pickets were stationed ten miles out around the city. Yesterday was the twenty-fifth day of the siege.

An arrival from New Orleans brings advices from that city to the 6th and Port Hudson to the 3rd. Gen. Banks was erecting batteries commanding the Confederate works, and it was supposed that they would be completed and opened on the 6th. Skirmishing was constantly going on between the opposing forces. According to a Southern telegram, another general battle has been fought, and that on the 5th inst. Gen. Banks was falling back before the Confederate forces. This report lacks confirmation.

The Confederates made another attack on Triune, Tenn., on Friday morning, but were repulsed with a loss of twenty-one killed, sixty or seventy wounded and ten prisoners. The Federal loss was six killed.

The Confederate accounts of the late cavalry fight at Beverly Ford claim that the Federal forces were driven back after a hard fight.—Gen. Fitzhugh Lee was severely wounded in the engagement.

A despatch from Leavenworth, Kansas, reports that on Saturday, the 6th, a band of Confederate cavalry made a dash into Shawneetown and destroyed it by fire, killing four Union men who resisted them. They were pursued immediately by several companies of Federal troops, and made off in the direction of the Missouri border.

The Union nominee for Governor of Ohio will probably be Governor Tod, the present incumbent, or ex-Congressman John A. Bingham.

The Commissioner of Pensions has estimated that if the war continues a year longer, and pensions are granted in the same proportion as during the past year, that the payment of these pensions will draw an annual sum of seven millions of dollars from the Treasury.

THE WAR IN KENTUCKY.

LOUISVILLE, June 13.—A hundred Confederate cavalry intercepted a train of cars with Federal horses at Elizabethtown, to-day, and captured sixty horses, besides burning three cars. They also broke open the Adams Express office took \$1,700, besides a gold watch and diamond ring, and then left, with the Federal troops in pursuit.

LOUISVILLE, June 14.—It is reported that the Federal forces to-day captured the band of guerrillas who committed the depredations yesterday near Elizabethtown, and recovered all the government horses except twelve.

LEXINGTON, June 14.—Refugees from Mount Sterling and Winchester have just arrived, and report that 300 Confederates under Peter Everett this morning attacked a part of the 14th Kentucky Cavalry at Slate Creek, east of Mount Sterling.

After a severe engagement, lasting three hours, the Federal forces commenced retreating slowly, fighting as they withdrew. Reinforcements have been sent. Major Williams and Lieutenant Williams were wounded, the former in the thigh.

Yesterday morning a party of thirty-one Confederate prisoners, captured by the Federal forces in the engagement between Martinsburg and Winchester on Saturday, reached Baltimore by the Ohio railroad, and were conducted by a guard of the 126th Ohio Regiment to Fort McHenry. They are a portion of Stuart's Cavalry—and among them are several Baltimoreans.

The steamer *Edinburgh* left on Saturday for Liverpool. She takes out \$10,692 in specie. The New York Mail steamer *Hammond* also left on Saturday for Southampton and Hamburg. She takes \$151,400.

Since the 1st of January last 111,005 tons of coal have been shipped from the Cumberland region. During the same time 938 canal boats have left Cumberland with 102,395 tons of coal.

Lieut. F. Starkey, Co. C, Scott's 900 cavalry, a German by birth, committed suicide in Washington, last week. He was laboring under great depression of mind.

There is no truth in the report that Admiral Farragut is to be relieved from the command of the Gulf.

Gen. Stewart, of Tennessee, has been made a Major General and assigned to the command of a Division of Gen. Bragg's army, stationed at War Trace.

Upon receiving intelligence of the depredations on the coast, the U. S. Navy Department promptly dispatched vessels in pursuit of the Confederate vessels. Four steamers left New York on Saturday night, three sailed from Hampton Roads, and these were to be followed on Sunday by others.

Governor Curtin has issued a general order stating that colored troops will be mustered into the service of the U. S., by authority of the War Department, and forbidding colored men from leaving the State to join organizations in other States.

The steamer *George Washington* has arrived from New Orleans. She brings no news excepting an order from General Banks that no steamer from New York be allowed to pass the quarantine without a special order from the commanding general, unless it be a mail ship, or transporting stores for the Government. This is made necessary by the continued refusal to transport soldiers' mails, except upon inadmissible conditions, and will be inexorably enforced.